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Dear Directors Rue and Pedersen:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reviewed Oregon's submittals of March 20, 2014, December 17, 2013, and September 20, 2013, pertaining to the remaining conditions for the New Development Management Measure and the Operating Onsite Disposal System Management Measure which are part of Oregon's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (coastal nonpoint program). Based on the information provided, NOAA and EPA have concluded that Oregon has satisfied these conditions. Enclosed is an interim approval document for both of these conditions. The document presents a rationale for each interim approval decision.

Please note that NOAA and EPA's final decision on these conditions is contingent upon a public notice and opportunity to comment on our intent to fully approve Oregon's coastal nonpoint program. At the time when the federal agencies are in a position to propose full approval of Oregon's coastal nonpoint program, the public will be provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed decision, as well as the supporting rationales. Information the public provides during the comment period may cause NOAA and EPA to reassess an earlier "interim" decision or go back to the state for additional clarification. Additionally, the final decisions may be subject to Tribal and Endangered Species Act consultation.

NOAA and EPA congratulate Oregon on its progress towards program approval and encourage the State to complete the development of its coastal nonpoint program. If you have any questions regarding the enclosed interim findings or recommended actions, please contact either Allison Castellon of NOAA at (301) 563-1125, Don Waye of EPA Headquarters at (202) 566-1170 or Jayne Carlin of EPA Region 10 at (206) 553-8512.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: NOAA/EPA Interim Approval Decisions for the Oregon Coastal Nonpoint Program, New Development and Operating Onsite Disposal Systems

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